GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MONITORING TEAM ON JAMMU & KASHMIR
TUFANI SAROJ

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether European Union Parliament has appointed a monitoring team to keep a vigil on Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether this step by European Union Parliament would internationalise Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to counter this move?

Answer

MINISTER OFSTATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) No, Sir. The European Parliament has not appointed a monitoring team on Jammu & Kashmir. There is, however, a fringe group of a few Members of the European Parliament which meets privately to discuss issues relating to Jammu & Kashmir.It has no official status in the European Parliament.

(b) Government of India will continue to follow these and related developments in the European Parliament.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.